

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 01-21

May 25, 2001

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion commencing a rulemaking pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., revising the billing procedures for calculating a residential rental property owner's responsibility in non-minimal use Sanitary Code violations, as set forth in 220 C.M.R. §§ 29.00 et seq.

On May 25, 2001, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued an Order instituting a rulemaking proceeding, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 2 and G.L. c. 164 § 76C, to revise the billing procedures for calculating a residential rental property owner's responsibility in non-minimal use sanitary code violations, as set forth in 220 C.M.R. §§ 29.00 et seq. The matter was docketed as D.T.E. 01-21. A copy of the Department's Order and regulations may be obtained at the Department's offices at the South Station address listed below. In addition, the Department has posted a copy of the Order and regulations on its website, <http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

The Department invites interested persons to file written comments on the proposed regulations no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on June 22, 2001. Reply comments shall be filed by July 3, 2001. Comments may not exceed 20 one-sided, double-spaced, typewritten pages.

One original and three (3) copies of initial and reply comments must be filed with:

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us, cc: Hearing Officer at marcella.hickey@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption;

(2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website.

In addition, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the regulations at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2001, at the Department's offices at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary